

Public Law 99-614
99th Congress

An Act

To confirm a conveyance of certain real property by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to Ernest Pritchett and his wife, Dianna Pritchett, and for other purposes.

Nov. 6, 1986

[S. 386]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to section 3, the conveyance described in section 2(a) of this Act involving certain real property in Jackson County, Oregon, forming a part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to the California and Oregon Railroad Company under the Act entitled "An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon", approved July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239), is confirmed in Ernest Pritchett and his wife, Dianna Pritchett, the grantees in such conveyance, and their successors in interest, with respect to all interests of the United States in the rights to the real property described in section 2(b) of this Act.

Oregon.

SEC. 2. (a) The conveyance confirmed by this Act was made by a deed dated July 23, 1982, by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to Ernest Pritchett and his wife, Dianna Pritchett, and recorded on October 20, 1982, in the official records of Jackson County, Document Numbered 82-15174.

(b) The real property referred to in the first section of this Act is a parcel of land in the northwest quarter of section 26, township 36 south, range 4 west, Willamette meridian, county of Jackson, State of Oregon, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the west quarter corner of such section 26; thence south 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds east along the southerly line of such northwest quarter of section 26 a distance of 1082.50 feet to a point in a line parallel with and distant 100 feet northeasterly, measured at right angles, from the original located center line of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's main track (Siskiyou branch), and also the true point of beginning of the parcel to be described;

thence north 65 degrees 2 minutes 35 seconds west along such parallel line 1191.92 feet to the westerly line of such section 26;

thence south zero degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds west along such westerly line 55.05 feet to a point in a line parallel with and distant 50 feet northeasterly, measured at right angles, from such center line;

thence south 65 degrees 2 minutes 35 seconds east along last such parallel line, as last such parallel line being also the northeasterly line of that certain parcel of land described in deed dated June 23, 1883, from Frederick G. Birdsey to Oregon and California Railroad Company, recorded July 28, 1883, in deed book 10, page 463, records of such county, a distance of 1060.35 feet to such southerly line;

thence south 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds east along such southerly line 119.49 feet to the true point of beginning, containing an area of 1.293 acres, more or less.

SEC. 3. (a) Nothing in this Act shall—

(1) diminish the right-of-way referred to in the first section of this Act to a width of less than 50 feet on each side of the center of the main track or tracks established and maintained by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) validate or confirm any right or title to, or interest in, the land referred to in the first section of this Act arising out of adverse possession, prescription, or abandonment, and not confirmed by conveyance by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company before the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) There is reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other minerals in the land referred to in the first section of this Act, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such oil, coal, or other minerals under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Minerals and
mining.

FINDINGS

SEC. 4. The Congress finds that—

(1) the Southern Pacific Transportation Company is the successor grantee of the real property described in section 6;

(2) pursuant to a petition of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, the Interstate Commerce Commission has exempted the abandonment of the real property described in section 6 from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 (relating to abandonment and discontinuance of railroad lines and rail transportation);

(3) the Southern Pacific Transportation Company has abandoned all right, title, and interest in and to the real property described in section 6.

DECLARATION OF ABANDONMENT

SEC. 5. For the purposes of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the disposition of abandoned portions of rights of way granted to railroad companies", approved March 8, 1922 (43 U.S.C. 912), the Congress hereby declares that the Southern Pacific Transportation Company has abandoned the real property described in section 6.

LAND DESCRIPTION

California.

SEC. 6. The real property referred to in sections 4 and 5 is certain real property situated in the City of Coalinga, California, which forms part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company by the Act entitled "An Act granting Lands to aid in the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from the States of Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific Coast", approved July 27, 1866 (16 Stat. 292), and more particularly described as that portion of the right-of-way extending from the section line of sections 33 and 34 of township 20 south, range 15 east,

Mount Diablo Base & Meridian to the south city limits of the City of Coalinga.

Approved November 6, 1986.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 386:

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Feb. 4, considered and passed Senate.

Oct. 15, considered and passed House, amended.

Oct. 18, Senate concurred in House amendments.